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### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce GUY W. MITCHELL, of Tupelo, as a candidate for Congress from the First Congressional District, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

### BUSINESS IS BETTER.

Reports recently issued by commercial and financial agencies inform us that business conditions throughout the country are steadily improving, and the Commercial is glad to be able to truthfully state that the improvement extends to and includes this city.

While there has been nothing in the way of a sensational boom here, several new enterprises are in sight, and other old ones which have been closed down for some time past are preparing to resume operations. Prominent among industries of the latter class is the Columbus Lumber Company, which, after having been idle practically since the European war began, is getting ready to start up again. This concern employs a number of well paid artisans, and the resumption of work will have a decidedly stimulating effect upon business here.

Taking first rank among prospective industrial enterprises are the lumber mills which are to be erected by Messrs. G. M. Flynn and Son and the Choctaw Lumber Company. These two mills will represent a combined cash outlay of about \$15,000, and will add materially to the importance of Columbus as a hardwood lumber market.

Another new enterprise is the creamery which Mr. A. H. Taylor and associates are preparing to establish here, and additional industries are in prospect.

### CREDIT DUE MR. LOCKE.

In the event that President Wilson accepts the invitation recently extended him to include this city in his forthcoming southern tour, and it is to be sincerely hoped that he will, credit for his coming will be due not only to the united efforts of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce, but to the individual efforts on the part of Mr. Thos. J. Locke, Jr., and Columbians will have him to thank for the presence of their distinguished guest.

True it is that the invitation was officially extended by the Chamber of Commerce, but it was Mr. Locke who took the initiative steps and who suggested to the gentlemen who are associated with him in directing the affairs of the civic chamber that this action be taken.

Mr. Locke is related to Gen. T. W. Gregory, a member of the President's cabinet, by ties of affinity and friendship, and wrote that gentleman a strong personal letter urging him to do everything possible to induce his chief to accept the invitation.

While it is a fact that the President intends to include only the larger cities in his contemplated tour of the south, Columbians should not allow themselves to become discouraged by harboring in their minds the fear that the invitation will be declined; for it must be remembered that when the effort to induce former President Taft to come here in 1909 was first undertaken only the most pronounced optimists had any idea that it would meet with success. Mr. Taft, however, was persuaded to come to Columbus by Hon. J. M. Dickinson, a native son, who at that time was secretary of war; and as Gen. Gregory first saw light of day in Lowndes county it is logical to assume that he will make the same effort to induce President Wilson to visit us, and that this effort will meet with the same success which crowned that of Judge Dickinson.

Former President Taft has stated on numerous

occasions that his stop here was one of the most enjoyable of many made on a trip which took him practically over the entire country, and in the event President Wilson decides to come here Columbians will do everything in their power to make his stay equally delightful.

John Hines, a member of one of the "movie" companies whose productions are distributed through the World Film Corporation, isn't presented as a star very often, but even in minor roles his work stands out conspicuously, and, according to our way of thinking, he is much superior as a comedian to some others who have attained far greater fame by resorting to slap stick methods in their work.

A Washington magazine writer is authority for the statement that William Jennings Bryan, when exceedingly weary, sleeps stretched out flat upon the floor instead of in a bed. The statement is not surprising, however, for in seeking repose upon the floor the former secretary of state is merely following the example of other members of the "down and out" club.

In reply to a request for aid from Marjorie Sterrett, a little girl who has started a movement to raise a fund to build a battleship for Uncle Sam by popular subscription, Col. Roosevelt sent her ten silver dimes. Does this mean that Colonel wants only a dollar's worth of preparedness?

The cordial reception given President Wilson on his recent western trip demonstrates conclusively the fact that the people of that section heartily endorse his preparedness plan and are willing to sanction any legislation that congress may enact at his behest.

The Birmingham municipal commission has recently adopted an ordinance requiring property owners to cut down all poplar trees in that city. It seems that poplar trees are not popular in the Alabama metropolis.

That Americans are exceedingly easy to please in the matter of mental pabulum is evinced by the fact that many popular public orators speak in platitudes rather than in parables.

On his recent visit to Alaska Col. Roosevelt shot a bull moose, and an exchange facetiously remarks that this is nothing unusual, as Teddy is continually "shooting the bull."

In Meridian recently, a negro threw a monkey-wrench at a female member of the race, and broke several bones in her face. Wrenched her jaw, we might say.

The character of stuff which George Minor is furnishing one of the newspaper syndicates leads us to believe that he is a writer of decidedly "minor" ability.

Recent news from Jackson has been rather "fishy," the Legislature having devoted much time to the discussion of the fish and game laws of the state.

Ford cars and the Ford peace expedition continue to vie with each other in furnishing newspaper writers material for pungent paragraphs.

We haven't seen any references to Congressman Gardner in recent press dispatches. Perhaps he's "gone to seed."

An effort was recently made to rob Justice of the Peace White in Meridian. Another case of "outraged justice."

If Henry Ford makes many more failures the paragraphers will soon be referring to him as "Hapless Hank."

The Memphis Commercial-Appeal is certainly doing its best to take the edge off of Edgington.

Many local booze sellers now have the "boo-hoos."

## The Feeding Value of Johnson Grass Hay

Although Col. John P. Mayo has relinquished his local citizenship to take up his residence in New Orleans, where he is commissioner of immigration, the fact that he still maintains a keen interest in the welfare of this community is shown by his action in obtaining a report from the United States Department of Agriculture on the feeding value of Johnson grass hay, which legume is grown in abundance in the territory contiguous to Columbus.

This report, which shows that while the feeding value of Johnson grass hay is very strong, its cost is less than that of other legumes used for feeding stock, and will have a tendency to increase the demand for this commodity.

In securing this report from the federal agricultural department Col. Mayo had the co-operation of Senator John Sharp Williams and Congressman E. S. Candler. In a letter recently received by the Commercial from Col. Mayo he states that credit is also due Mr. W. H. Carter, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, for his assistance in prevailing upon the National Hay Growers' Association to give official recognition to Johnson grass by establishing standard grades for the legume. An excerpt from Col. Mayo's letter follows:

"In the early part of 1915, I wrote Senator John Sharp Williams to obtain from the Department of Agriculture a report on the feeding values of Johnson grass hay, and influence with British Admiralty and the U. S. Quartermaster's department to allow Johnson grass hay to be used in mail ships as forage at the various ports of our country, following this effort which was to reach England through the Department of State, I wrote President G. R. Hightower, of A. and M. College to secure his endorsement along the same lines. He wrote me May 15, that the tests had just been completed, showing Johnson grass at \$15.00 a ton to be cheaper and better than Timothy at the same price, as a matter of fact, the latter is \$5.00 per ton over that price, thus showing Johnson grass raised in prairie at \$15.00 a ton to be 33 1-3 per cent. cheaper and better feeding. These figures were laid before the officers of the British Admiralty and the consular office here, and with the aid of the work at Washington, we are now allowed to sell to the British Admiralty Johnson grass hay.

"We have the endorsement of the two great colleges of Mississippi and Alabama.

"A letter from Mr. E. L. Robinson, market expert for Mobile and Ohio railroad and the Southern railway, St. Louis, Mo., tells me the Quartermaster-General of the United States advises that quartermaster corps purchase hay of this grade at certain points along the Texas border, and at posts in Texas."

### WHY ZEKE WENT TO THE A. AND M.

From A. & M. Reflector.

There was once a farmer afflicted with a son, Zeke, who had survived in spite of his name, and was the apple of his father's eye.

Now, the apple was some shrub. He was built along the graceful lines of the running gear of a Kansas grasshopper. For looks he was a dead one, for the sides of his face didn't mate, and his map looked like an egg scramble. His expression was about as intelligent looking as a piece of putty.

On dodging the woodpile Zeke was a humdinger, and he worked an easy hold-out on the chores. If an idea had ever percolated through his solid ivory, he would have broken out in a rash. In other words he had lizards in his loft, and suffered with vacuum pressure in his dome, the same being symptoms of malignant poitritis.

Yes, Zeke was a poet. Often in the wee small he would concoct fetching little odes to the Muses, of which the following are samples:

"Some girls' eyes are blue,  
And some girls' eyes are green,  
But your eyes, kiddo, make  
Me nutty in the bean."

And—  
"Mary had a little nanny,  
On which she did fondly dote,  
Pa got busy with the butcher,  
And the butcher got Mary's goat."

When gentle and long-suffering Maw handed these samples to Paw, Paw threw a conniption fit; and they then and there decided they would pronto send Zeke to the A. & M., where gleefully engaged in solving such abstruse problems as diversified farming, tick eradication, crop rotation, and humus in the soil, he would come out of his trance, step off his feet and start something.

So Zeke went to the A. and M., and was told that before he could pull any highbrow stuff, such as poetry and like literary junk, he would have to stand an examination, which was something like the following:

1. If a hen and a half lay an egg and a half in a day and a half, how many eggs will 100 1/2 hens lay in 100 1/2 days?

2. Do you fertilize lima beans with lime?

3. To get more water in a water melon, should the seed be planted in the spring?

4. State which is the butt end of a billy goat, and why?

5. If 99,999 pebbles are found in a square rod on the Gum Springs Branch, how many little rocks in Arkansas?

6. What kind of ear rings are worn in the ears of the corn, or hair ribbons on the locks of the cotton?

7. If you feed a Holstein cow on Dutch cabbage, will her milk make good Swiss cheese?

8. How are prizes won with Plymouth Rocks when they are barred?

9. Give name and location of all creeks in county where you reside?

10. State season of year when the dew berries, the holly hocks, the seed ticks, the cow slips, the dogwood barks, the john quills, the meadow larks and the bull finches.

11. Who invented crepe de chine Teddy Bears? Give working drawings.

12. Parse the following sentence: "He called on his peach who was a duck, and she slipped him the lemon, when he beat it for the hay."

The ex. laid Zeke out cold, so he rolled his hoop back to the sighing pines of his native dump, and straightway married Si Wilkins' gal from over the creek. He now has a job at eight bucks per firing the dummy, at which he slaves six days, and the seventh he perambulates the twins over to Maw's to break even on the glad eats.

Moral—A pair of twins beats four aces and the A. & M.—By T. B. P.

### SAINT VALENTINE'S DUPLICITY.

By Henry D. Brown.

"Come here, Susie!" cried Annetta, "Just see what the postman brought."

And her blushing friend the letter in her eager fingers caught.

Neatly typed, the subscription of its writer, gave no clue. "Oh, you foxey little vixen! Guess I've got a letter, too."

And Annetta shied her letter, Its address typewritten, too, So, to read in secret better, Each girl to her chamber flew.

But it was not long to smother, Such a secret as each learned— Quick confronting one another, Each girl's cheeks with anger burned.

"Here, you horried, this is yours!" Both screamed out as with one breath,

Then perceiving not two woers, But the same, turned pale as death.

Flinging letters to the floor, Stamping them beneath their feet, They showed Valentine the door, As they beat a quick retreat!

—Exchange

### Chancery Notice.

State of Mississippi, County of Lowndes. In the Chancery Court of said County, April Term, A. D. 1916. Lillie Sutherland, Complainant vs. A. L. Sutherland, Defendant. No. 2529.

To A. L. Sutherland (the above named defendant.) Postoffice address unknown.

You are commanded to appear before the Chancery Court of the County of Lowndes in the State of Mississippi, on the first Monday of April, A. D. 1916, to defend the suit in said Court of Lillie Sutherland wherein you are Defendant.

This 26th day of January, A. D. 1916.

B. A. Lincoln, Clerk.  
By Z. P. Goolshy, D. C.

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